

Draft: July 5, 2016

Carol Pike

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Re: Anaconda Aluminum Company Columbia Falls Reduction Plant National Priorities List Proposal

Dear Ms. Pike:

Thank you for your June 1, 2016 letter regarding the cleanup of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) Facility in Columbia Falls, Montana, that you sent to Shaun McGrath, Regional EPA Region 8 Administrator, Shaun McGrath. Mr. McGrath has asked me to respond to your letter.

With the support the Governor of Montana, in March, 2015, the EPA proposed to place the Anaconda Aluminum Company Columbia Falls Reduction Plant site on the National Priorities List (NPL). The EPA is reviewing comments received during the public comment period on this proposal and has not made a final decision on whether to place this site on to the NPL. That decision is expected this fall.

EPA is committed to ensuring that the former aluminum plant and surrounding area are returned to conditions that are safe for human health and the environment and feasible for future reuse and redevelopment. In the interim, EPA plans to continue to work cooperatively with CFAC to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study of the former aluminum plant, that will help us determine potential clean up actions for the site.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss this issue further, please contact the EPA site project manager, Mike Cirian, at 406-293-6194, ~~Mark Chalfant, at 303-312-6177.~~

Sincerely,

Martin Hestmark, Assistant Regional Administrator
Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation